

# PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

## *NARRATIVE PROJECT INFORMATION* *October 2011*

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**Project Sponsor:** *City of Kirkland*

**Project Name:** *116<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Non-motorized*

**Project Location:** *along 116<sup>th</sup> Ave NE from NE 60<sup>th</sup> Street (at I-405 Pedestrian Crossing) and Bellevue City limits.*

**What type of project is it:** Support Centers  Corridors Serving Centers

**Plan Consistency:**

- Transportation 2040 project number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the project consistent with the Transportation 2040: Yes  No

**Project Description - No more than one full page -** (see evaluation criteria for information to include):

- Briefly describe the project
- What is the intended outcome & benefit

***Complete pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian compatible facilities along the 116<sup>th</sup> Ave NE corridor between the Houghton Park and Ride and the Bellevue city limits. The project is a critical link providing a viable North-South route between North Kirkland and Bellevue's developed non-motorized transportation system connecting to this project and creating a non-motorized network to South Lake Washington and across I-90 to Seattle. This critical connection would complete non-motorized improvements between the Houghton Park and Ride and the City of Bellevue; would connect the existing non-motorized transportation path in Kirkland to the North with a critical transportation link to the South, and supports Bellevue's and Kirkland's identified Regional Growth Centers: Downtown Bellevue and Totem Lake. Once completed the corridor will establish a transportation network connecting these regional centers, the network will***

***emphasize pedestrian and transit use and allow for choices in through movement and local access. Consistent with the Comprehensive plan, this project addresses future land use beyond 2022. Design Guidelines for Totem Lake Neighborhood include mixed use villages, and includes residential, office, retail, light industrial and institutional uses. 116th Ave NE (immediately east of I-405) provides a convenient by pass to I-405 during peak travel periods and times of freeway congestion. 116th Ave NE improvements will allow convenient access between centers for the movement of goods, vehicles and non-motorized modes of transportation. Improvements include new storm facilities, stream enhancements, bike lanes and a separated multi-purpose gravel pedestrian/equestrian pathway.***

***City of Kirkland is committed to increasing transit and commuting options that reduce the need to rely on individual motorized vehicles. This project will be a primary commuting route for Kirkland residents who work in Totem Lake, Downtown Kirkland, Bellevue or Seattle. As a connector to the Houghton Park and Ride, it will be a critical part of the City's transportation network and reduce the traffic congestion by providing easy options for people to leave their cars at home and use transit or trails for their transportation needs. It will also complete a regionally significant north/south corridor linking the city of Kirkland bike route along NE 70th Street from Redmond, the pedestrian/bike bridge across I-405 at NE 60th Street, and the existing City of Bellevue non-motorized improvements South to SR-520. Improvements will provide a range of missing travel modes and will benefit a variety of users(commuters, residents and commercial users) traveling to multiple centers. At times, it is difficult for vehicles to safely pass non-motorized users; vehicles that are unable to pass cause congestion. Non-motorized facilities will provide separation between vehicles and other users, and will allow traffic to flow freely.***

#### **Project Status & Timeline**

Where is the project at in development?

What is the timeline for this project from start to completion?

*(Please identify the major phases)*

***Plans and specifications are 100% complete; ROW is secured; however, one minor easement modification will be necessary; the project is ready to go.***

***The plans and specifications are complete – Environmental permitting (NEPA, Section 6f, Section 404, Section 401, CZMC, NPDES) can be obtained within 12 – 14 months with construction beginning during the start of the first construction season after all permits are obtained.***

Additional Comments